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**THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M. IN  
ROOM BE5 of the MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Stickler (Chair), Lori Ellison (Recording Secretary), Nancy Lankton, Daesung Ha, Marc Sollosy, Uday Tate, Burnis Morris, Fredrick Bartolovic, Mike Murphy, Hannah, Kozlowski-Slone, Susan Booton, Carrie Childers, Monika Sawhney, James Dauber, Susan Welch, Robin Conley, Eric Migernier, Paige Muellerleile, Pamela Mulder, Amine Oudghiri-Otmani, Shawn Schulenberg, Barbara Tarter, Stephen Underhill, Anthony Viola, Mindy Armstead, Derrick Kolling, Karen Mitchell, Carl Mummert, Liz Murray, Wendy Trzyna, Jamil Chaudri, Andrew Nichols, Eugenia Webb-Damron, Tom Hisiro, Isaac Larison, Edna Meisel, Feon Smith, David Chaffin, Charles Clements, Tom Dougherty, Jung Han Kim, Emine Koc, Travis Salisbury, Zach Tankersley, Lauren Waugh, Kara Willenburg, Stephanie Anderson, John Biros, Kelli Johnson, Thom Walker.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Philippe Georgel (Assistant Chair), Dale Shao, Hilary Brewster, David Cartwright, Scott Simonton, Harold Blanco, Fadi Alkhankan, Jim Denvir, Peter Ray, Nick Chongswatdi, Bobby Miller, Jan Paul Muizelaar, Louis Nieuwenhuizen, Megan Shepherd, Leonard White, Eric Blough.

**EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tracy Christofero (Graduate Council), Marybeth Beller (ACF), Cam Brammer (BOG)

**EX-OFFICIO, VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Cheryl Brown

**GUESTS:** Gary White, Gayle Ormiston, Mike McGuffey, Mary Ellen Heuton, Jan Fox, Mary Beth Reynolds, Sherri Smith, Caroline Perkins, Mike Prewitt, John Maher, Denise Landy, Andrew Gooch, George Davis, Charles Somerville, Miriah Young, RB Bookwalter, Haiyang Chan, Wael Zatar, Carol Hurula, and Alex O'Donnell.

Declaring that there was a quorum, Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Larry Stickler called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Larry Stickler**

- Senators should sit around the table, others should sit at the chairs provided, and cell phones should be set to silent mode. Asked that those speaking to the senate use the microphones. All should remember to sign in legibly.
- Recommendation 15-16-15 confidential recommendation for the honorary degree was signed by the president.

- Curriculum proposal recommendations were also approved.
- Recommendation 15-16-19 from the ACF was also signed.
- The resolution to reject the PEIA cost increases was approved.
- If you cannot be at the Senate meetings, you cannot send a proxy vote.
- The Executive Committee will convene again on Monday, January 11, 2016 at noon in the John Spotts Room.
- The Faculty Senate will convene again on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 4:00 PM in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.
- The Board of Governors will meet again on February 24, 2016.
- The ACF will meet January 28, 2016

• **BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT - Dr. Cam Brammer**

- The Board met on Dec. 9, 2015. Committees met at 10 am. The academic committee voted on two items of interest: the dissolution of the Bachelor of Applied Science program due to lack of enrollment; the approval of the Electronic Records Management program as a way of protecting ourselves from losing documents that are important. For example, when someone leaves or passes away, we can't get to their files. This program will help protect that from happening and will protect all files even if the computer goes down.
- The Provost reported regarding the Dean's retreat scheduled for tomorrow. They will determine the criteria for evaluation of viability of programs. No programs will be eliminated tomorrow.
- There was a report on athletics. Talked about all of the teams and how well they are doing, particularly how well the women's teams are doing.
- There will be a shuttle service for students to and from Yeager airport for the holidays.
- The Student Government is sponsoring an anti-hazing meeting in January
- A report from the financial group- there are cuts coming, just not certain the magnitude yet. There is no certainty where the state's revenue will come from since the downturn of the coal industry. There will likely be some new taxes introduced in the legislative session to address the shortfall.
- There will be a 2% raise this year, reduced from 3% due to budget cuts. The hope is this will help offset the PEIA cost increases. The PEIA issue is important and the Board is aware and realize that we should not have to bear the burden of that issue, but are trying to ease that cost with this raise that was promised.
- There were some questions and discussion of what will come of the Dean's retreat tomorrow.

• **RECOMMENDATIONS approved**

- SR-15-16-20 BAPC Recommends the attached academic calendars for AY 2016-17 and AY 2017-18 be adopted-15/15 week model
- SR-15-16-21 CC recommendation on undergraduate course additions in the College of Health Professions and College of Business
- SR-15-16-22 CC recommendation on undergraduate course changes in the College of Health Professions

- SR-15-16-23 CC recommendation on undergraduate course deletions in the College of Health Professions
  - SR-15-16-24 CC recommendation on undergraduate major changes in the College of Health Professions
  - SR-15-16-25 CC recommendation on undergraduate minor changes in the College of Liberal Arts
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- **REPORT OF THE INTERIM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Mr. Gary White**
    - Deferred his report to the report given by the BOG representative.
    - Gave some departing remarks:
      - He will remain connected to the University in a consulting role until further notice at Dr. Gilbert's or Mr. White's discretion.
  - Wants to continue efforts to grow the University with regard to generating revenue.
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- **REPORT OF THE PROVOST: Dr. Gayle Ormiston**
    - Dr. Ormiston stated that the Deans will begin attending meetings of the BOG to present their college to the Board.
    - He stated tomorrow is rehearsal for commencement.
    - He reminded us that commencement is on Saturday.
    - He then reviewed the budget picture.
      - There are plans in the works for a 10% budget reduction across the board at the University. Plan has been proposed to consider a number of services in terms of where cuts will have to be made.
      - They will be looking at vacant faculty positions and will need justification to continue those lines.
      - They are looking at 4 metrics to assess programs: 5 year trends of student credit hour production, reassigned time, the number of juniors and seniors in programs and number of degrees conferred in last 5 years, and course enrollments as possibilities where they could save some costs.
      - They are also looking at the commitments to FYS, Writing intensive, International, Multicultural, service courses and special topics courses offered, and Critical Thinking courses requirements. Also looking at course redundancies.
      - They are trying to find ways to protect programs and ways to strengthen weak programs.
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- **ACF REPORT: Dr. Marybeth Beller–**
    - The PEIA board met today at 2 pm. There is no information regarding the vote to approve the rate increases today. The expectation is that it will be approved.
    - There is some really good work reported by the HEPC regarding series 17 which is the transfer of general education courses between accredited colleges and universities in WV.
    - They are looking right now at the math and science courses and developing a common set of objectives. When those objectives are identified, the individual

syllabi from courses may be submitted for approval at all of these schools. The only wrinkle so far is the course being accepted for credit, but perhaps not be accepted toward a student's major.

- ACF passed a resolution for all colleges and universities in anticipation of the coming state funding cuts that academic programs be protected from cuts and look at cutting in other areas before academic programs are cut. This passed unanimously.

- **REPORTS FROM 20/20 COMMITTEES**

- Budget Working Group- No report.
- Communication- No report
- Roles and Responsibilities- No report
- Academic portfolio- No report
- Service portfolio- They have gotten to about \$900,000 of non-academic cuts so far, but they are still short and not really on pace. They are beginning phase 3 of this process with training and will report on progress
- Proforma Model- No report
- Key Performance Indicators- No report

- **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Academic Planning- Reviewed 11 programs, approved 7 and sent 4 back for further clarification or revision. Expectation is that they would pass. Voted on the Intent to plan on the B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering program.
- Athletics- Positive academic reports on athletes in all sports teams. Stated that 9 of 14 teams earned 3.0 GPA or better. They have a goal to increase their GPA by 10% by next year. They are still waiting on the 4 ticket increased issue to be resolved. All 12 games were televised this year. Revenue from those games goes into a conference pool and distributed among all colleges in the conferences. Question whether the athletics programs will be receiving expected cuts as are the academic programs.
- Budget and Academic Policy: Met November 13, 2015 regarding the calendar issue just voted on. They also saw a program that is designed to streamline the grade appeal process that they are considering.
- Curriculum- Just approved the items discussed on November 13, 2015. Next meeting is February 5, 2016. Please have your materials to Kevin Law by January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Faculty Development- They wanted to remind everyone that the INCO deadline is Feb 1, 2016.
- Faculty personnel- Will be meeting in January.

- **REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE SENATE: (5 minutes per person)**

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:04 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Ellison

Lori Ellison, Recording Secretary  
Faculty Senate

**MINUTES READ:**

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Dr. Larry Stickler, Chair  
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Mr. Gary White, Interim President  
Marshall University